

McCALL PROMISES TO REFUND.

WILL MAKE GOOD THE \$35,000 PAID TO HAMILTON.

But Nothing Has Yet Been Done to Bring the Judge Here or Make Him Account—Hegeman Admits Receiving \$70,000 in Four Years From Favored Bankers.

Charles E. Hughes, counsel to the Armstrong insurance committee, went after the executive management and the trustees of the New York Life yesterday because of the failure of Judge Andrew Hamilton, the company's legislative supervisor, to return from Europe and appear before the committee.

Mr. Hughes got from President John A. McCall the admission that neither he nor the trustees of the New York Life had requested Hamilton to return, and that the trustees had not even asked for an accounting of the \$35,000 which was paid to Hamilton a year or more ago. President McCall said, however, that he had guaranteed to make good this amount to the company if it was not returned by December 31 of the present year.

The Armstrong committee feels very keenly the failure of both Hamilton and Fields, the Mutual's legislative agent, to appear as witnesses, and it was said yesterday that they believe the time has come to act or else to shoulder the responsibility of keeping these two important witnesses out of the committee's jurisdiction.

Next to President McCall, John R. Hegeman, head of the Metropolitan Life, was the chief witness at yesterday's hearing. Further disclosures were made in regard to the business relations between the banking firms of Vermilye & Co. and William A. Read & Co. and the Metropolitan Life.

It was shown further that the amounts which John R. Hegeman has received from Vermilye & Co. since 1902 as "interest rebates" on a personal "speculative" account amount to about \$70,000, and that concessions had been made to him in regard to interest rebates because of the volume of business which the firm got from the life insurance company. None of the payments made to Hegeman were entered in Vermilye & Co.'s books and there were other roundabout practices which made the account a subject of particular interest to the investigation.

The fact also was brought out at yesterday's hearing that President Hegeman after the life insurance scandal broke had covered back to the Metropolitan \$16,000 which he had made in participation in syndicates in which the company was interested.

It was toward the close of the afternoon session that President McCall was summoned to the stand. He was asked by Mr. Hughes, "I have called you to ask whether you have any knowledge or information of the whereabouts of Andrew Hamilton."

President McCall replied that he had lately talked with Judge Hamilton's daughter about him, and that he understood the Judge was in the city. He said that he had the admission that neither President McCall nor the board of trustees had taken any steps to procure the return of Hamilton or an explanation of what he had done with the company's money. Mr. Hughes asked, "Is it the policy of your company to have Mr. Hamilton remain abroad until the conclusion of this investigation?"

"On the other hand," replied Mr. McCall, "I should very much like to see him here."

Mr. McCall admitted that Hamilton had not been discharged, that he was still under restraint.

"Why," asked Mr. Hughes, "do you not instruct him to return?"

"Well," replied the witness, "I want to see his daughter on her arrival from Europe, and she told me that her father was a very sick man and was going to Naumeburg, and I did not feel that I could ask him to return."

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It was that the rate had been changed in 1902.

George G. Hollister, who was a member of the committee, said that when the firm dissolved, testified that William A. Read had entire charge of the Hegeman account. The checks sent to President Hegeman were drawn personally by members of the firm, never by the firm itself.

Mr. Hollister said that the payments were made in this way because the firm did not want its clients to know that it was giving special interest rates to any one customer. Mr. Hollister testified that Mr. Read also handled all of the Metropolitan's business for the firm.

George W. Palmer, a confidential clerk employed by Mackay & Co., and formerly with Vermilye & Co., testified that the books of Vermilye & Co. did not show any of these payments to Mr. Hegeman.

William A. Read testified that these payments to Hegeman were first made by the firm of Vermilye & Co. to its individual members, who in turn drew checks to the Metropolitan's president. Mr. Read stated also that this was done so that the firm's clients would not know of the discounting.

This was, of course, a special favor to Mr. Hegeman," said Mr. Hughes.

"I should say that it was," replied Mr. Read.

The witness said the favor was probably granted on account of the large amount of business which Mr. Hegeman's company did with the firm.

Mr. Read testified that the explanation of the monopoly which Vermilye & Co. had for so many years on the Metropolitan's business, Mr. Read replied that members of that company, Mr. Knapp and Mr. Hegeman, came to the firm more than fifteen years ago and asked them to handle the company's investment matters.

Metropolitan's business as long as the investments were satisfactory. Mr. Hegeman had no account with Vermilye & Co. and he had no personal account with the company.

Mr. Read said that there had been no arrangements made with him in regard to the 1 per cent. interest charge on the collateral loans, which he made from the Metropolitan. In fact he has, he said, protested against the money being taken from the Metropolitan company had answered that they were under great obligations to him and had the right to fix the interest rate on the loan as they pleased.

Testifying in regard to the \$16,000 of syndicate profits which he covered back to the Metropolitan after the life insurance scandal broke, Mr. Read testified that the amount represented what might have been claimed that he had made out of the syndicate's sales to the Metropolitan.

Mr. Read said that he and his friends and advisers together shortly after the trouble started in the Equitable.

None of them could see any wrong in his syndicate, but because one of them had some doubt as to the propriety of the transactions President Hegeman decided to give the Metropolitan the benefit of the doubt and turn the money back.

Mr. Hughes called President Hegeman's attention to the answer which he made to inquiries by outside insurance commissioners after he had covered the money back into the company. Here is the answer, which Mr. Hughes designated as a work of art.

"Neither from any past or present purchases or sales of any securities by the company has any officer received any benefit. The company has received every such benefit and all of it."

Mr. Hughes brought out the fact that George R. Read, a brother of William A. Read, the Metropolitan's favored broker, has been one of the Metropolitan's real estate brokers. It was also brought out that Silas B. Dutcher, a member of the Metropolitan's finance committee, is the Dutchman who writes all the first insurance on the Metropolitan's mortgage property.

It was shown that the Metropolitan in addition to the money paid to Andrew Evans for legislative purposes nearly \$300,000. More than \$100,000 was spent in one year in Massachusetts.

The fact was brought out that there has come into the possession of the committee a batch of letters written by Thomas D. Jordan, former counsel for the Metropolitan, to A. C. Fields, the Mutual legislative agent, instructing Fields as to what measures he should oppose and what ones he should favor at Albany. Two or three of the letters referred to by Mr. Jordan had to do with matters in Suffolk county, L. I. James Hazen Hyde had a country place in that county.

The committee will resume its hearing at 10:30 o'clock this morning. It is expected that James Hazen Hyde will be called either to-day or to-morrow.

NAVY MEN AT CONEY ISLAND.

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orderly, who dove into the North River Sunday afternoon to rescue a boy who had fallen from a rowboat, and Coxswain Cann, who saved a launch and barge load of passengers Sunday evening.

Dymock, it appears, was reported yesterday morning for going over ship's side against orders. He stood at the mast when the tugmaster sent the line of offenders, was reported—and reprimanded for going over incautiously.

There are times, said the commander, "when a seaman should use his intelligence and break orders. This was one of the times, but you shouldn't have dived so abruptly. You should have looked about to see if any one else needed your help more."

"Aye, aye, sir," said Dymock saluting. Later it is said the commander said things to Dymock in his English tones, "Annie Laurie," "Marching Through Georgia," "Rule Britannia," "A Life on the Ocean Wave" and twenty more. At times the singing from the floor quite drowned the orchestra.

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"Hello, boys," said she.

"Come and be our mate!" roared the table.

who had been sitting two by two, an American with an Englishman, imitated the Prince's stunt and appeared one at a time in the upper gallery. They all got a hand.

THE PRINCE STOOD UP.

The drinks were now bubbling merrily—beer for the men, champagne for the officers. When the wine came around to the Prince, he covered his glass.

"Bring me beer, please," he said. Most of the men failed to see that little compliment. He was taking the same fare they got.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA! SPECTACLE.

After this the committee on arrangements sprung the best thing it did. The lights in the hall went out except for those in the band stand, which stood out in a blaze of red fire. A doll in a sailor's costume and slung in a boson's chair was lowered from the ceiling. The band struck up "Hands Across the Sea," and two sailors, one of a red head and the other a tall, thin, and the red glare hand in hand.

Of course that brought a roar. When it died a little the band went on with a melody to Dymock and English tunes, "Annie Laurie," "Marching Through Georgia," "Rule Britannia," "A Life on the Ocean Wave" and twenty more. At times the singing from the floor quite drowned the orchestra.

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ITALIAN DUEL IN BROOKLYN.

Volpe Gets the Drop on His Antagonist and Lands Him in Hospital.

Antonio Volpe, 27 years old, of 146 Twenty-ninth street, Brooklyn, and Michael Denilio, 40 years, of 147 Twenty-eighth street, the same borough, went yesterday forenoon to a vacant lot in Fourth avenue and Twenty-eighth street to settle a quarrel of old standing with revolvers. Volpe got the drop on his antagonist, firing five shots before the latter could use his. He landed in Denilio's head and may cause his death at the Seney Hospital, to which he was removed. Volpe, after his arrest, declared that his sister's honor was involved in the shooting. Denilio, as he alleged, having persistently insulted and annoyed the girl.

JUMPED FROM 6 STORY HOUSE.

Taylor Out of Regular Employment Tries to Kill Himself.

Meyer Neumark, a tailor, 34 years old, of 164 McKibbin street, Williamsburg, made an attempt last evening to end his life by jumping from the roof of a six-story tenement house at Morrell and Moore streets. He had been despondent lately, owing to his failure to find steady employment. He was seen to leap head first toward the sidewalk. He turned two somersaults and landed on the sidewalk on his feet. His legs were fractured, and as he fell backward his head struck the sidewalk and his skull was fractured. He was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital. His condition is critical.

JUDGMENT AGAINST LEITER.

On Demand Note to His Counsel—Another Power Pool Suit On.

Deputy Sheriff McCourt has received two attachments aggregating \$18,500 against Joseph Leiter of Chicago, in favor of Francis A. Turk. One is on a note of \$10,000 made by Mr. Leiter at Chicago on November 4, 1905, to the order of the executors and trustees of the estate of L. Z. Leiter. The Sheriff served this attachment on Edward R. Thomas, Orlando F. Thomas and Edwin M. Post, against whom Mr. Leiter obtained a judgment for \$1,711 on December 10, 1904. The other attachment is on a demand note of \$8,500 made by Mr. Leiter in this city on November 10, 1905, payable to the order of Gifford, Hobbs, Haskell & Beard at their office, payment of which was demanded on November 10 and refused. Gifford, Hobbs, Haskell & Beard are Chicago lawyers on the recent Power pool litigation.

IRON WORKERS STRIKE GROWS.

Union Men Employed by Two More Corporations Called Out.

The International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers yesterday extended the sympathetic strike in this city in support of the national strike against the American Bridge Company to all the contracts of the Terry & Trench Co. and the Sharp & Trench Co. This ties up a number of other buildings throughout Greater New York.

SENTENCE OF TWING AND CORNELL UPHOLD.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13.—The judgment of the Monmouth county court of Quarter Sessions under which Albert C. Twining and David C. Cornell, former officers of the wrecked First National Bank of Astoria Park, were sentenced to four years in State Prison was affirmed to-day by the Supreme Court. An appeal will be taken to the Court of Errors. The conviction under review was for exhibiting a false paper to the officers of the Department of Banking and Insurance, with intent to deceive as to the financial condition of their bank. The court holds that the verdict was justified by the evidence.

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